

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Division of Fish & Wildlife

Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are your office hours?**
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central time
- **Do I need to sign in to use the property?**
All hunters need to sign in. Other property users do not.
- **Can I fish during waterfowl seasons?**
The lake is closed to fishermen and boaters during waterfowl seasons. Check the fishing report tab online for closure dates.
- **What hunting efforts require drawings and when do I need to be there?**
 - The first six days of spring turkey season have a drawing at 4:30 a.m.
 - Waterfowl seasons have daily draws at 4:30 a.m.
 - Otherwise, hunters utilize self-service stations to sign in.
- **When is the trapping drawing?**
The first Saturday in October at 10 a.m.
- **What property regulations are specific to deer hunting?**
 - Bonus antlerless license cannot be used.
 - The unit behind the lake closes to deer hunting the Friday before firearms season.
 - Twin Swamps and Section 6 Flatwoods are owned by DNR Nature Preserves. They are open for deer hunting only and only during the firearms and muzzleloader seasons. Bonus antlerless licenses may be used.
- **What property regulations are specific to waterfowl hunting?**
 - Hunting opportunities include lake, shallow marshes and field hunting.
 - No boats or blinds supplied.
 - 10 mph speed limit on lake.
 - Tuesday, Friday and Sunday are reserve days. Sign up online during September.
 - Shell limit is 25 per hunter.
 - Hunting ends at 1 p.m. CDT.
- **Does this property offer any special youth hunting/shooting events?**
Hovey Lake hosts youth hunts and youth events. Check the upcoming events tab online for listings.

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- **Is there a shooting range on this property and is there a fee to use it?**

Hovey Lake does not have a shooting range.

- **Are lake permits required?**

Lake permits are not required. Boat ramps allow access to lake and the Ohio River.